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Goulet et al.

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For: **CONNECTIVE TISSUE SUBSTITUTES,
METHOD OF PREPARATION AND USES
THEREOF**

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment
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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This document is filed in response to the Office Action dated July 25, 2005. A three-month period for response was set, making a response due on or before October 25, 2005. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time and submit the required fee.

Kindly note that a Petition to Withdraw Holding of Finality, is being filed concurrently herewith.

Please amend this application as follows, without prejudice or disclaimer:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.